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# H. R. 926

To provide emergency funding for home visiting programs during the pandemic, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES**  
4                   **THROUGH HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.**

5       (a) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.—In addition to  
6 amounts otherwise appropriated, out of any money in the  
7 Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated,  
8 there are appropriated to the Secretary of Health and  
9 Human Services \$150,000,000, to remain available  
10 through September 30, 2022, to enable eligible entities to

1 conduct programs in accordance with section 511 of the  
2 Social Security Act and subsection (c) of this section.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—To be eligible to re-  
4 ceive funds made available by subsection (a), an entity  
5 shall—

6 (1) as of the date of the enactment of this sec-  
7 tion, be conducting a program under section 511 of  
8 the Social Security Act;

9 (2) ensure the modification of grants, contracts,  
10 and other agreements, as applicable, executed under  
11 section 511 of such Act under which the program is  
12 conducted as are necessary to provide that, during  
13 the period that begins with the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this section and ends with the end of the  
15 2nd succeeding fiscal year after the funds are  
16 awarded, the entity shall—

17 (A) not reduce funding for, or staffing lev-  
18 els of, the program on account of reduced en-  
19 rollment in the program; and

20 (B) when using funds to provide emer-  
21 gency supplies to eligible families receiving  
22 grant services under section 511 of such Act,  
23 ensure coordination with local diaper banks to  
24 the extent practicable; and

4       (c) USES OF FUNDS.—An entity to which funds are  
5 provided under this section may use the funds—

(1) to serve families with home visits or with virtual visits, that may be conducted by the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies, in a service delivery model described in section 511(d)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act;

11                   (2) to pay hazard pay or other additional staff  
12                   costs associated with providing home visits or ad-  
13                   ministration for programs funded under section 511  
14                   of such Act;

(4) for the acquisition by families served by programs under section 511 of such Act of such

1 technological means as are needed to conduct and  
2 support a virtual home visit;

3 (5) to provide emergency supplies (such as dia-  
4 pers and diapering supplies including diaper wipes  
5 and diaper cream, necessary to ensure that a child  
6 using a diaper is properly cleaned and protected  
7 from diaper rash, formula, food, water, hand soap  
8 and hand sanitizer) to an eligible family (as defined  
9 in section 511(k)(2) of such Act);

10 (6) to coordinate with and provide reimburse-  
11 ment for supplies to diaper banks when using such  
12 entities to provide emergency supplies specified in  
13 paragraph (5); and

14 (7) to provide prepaid grocery cards to an eligi-  
15 ble family (as defined in section 511(k)(2) of the So-  
16 cial Security Act) participating in the maternal, in-  
17 fant, and early childhood home visiting program  
18 under section 511 of such Act for the purpose of en-  
19 abling the family to meet the emergency needs of the  
20 family.

